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SUBJECT: Interrogation of ANZIO

TO : Mr. Henry B. Hyde

Annie and I spent five hours with ANZIO on Wednesday and got his whole story in detail which Annie has made up into a memorandum for you.

My impression is distinctly that the man has not been turned and that he is in no sense double. It seems to me that he has simply done a sorry job and his vanity is suffering from it. Consequently he has rationalized his failure to a considerable degree and the whole idea of the chain he has built up is to support this. Actually, when you get the details on the chain it is composed of only two or at the most three people and probably doesn't amount to much as yet.

However, it is my impression that it would be a good idea to send him back and let him make what he can out of the chains since they seem to be in a region which is interesting. If sent in again I think his chief motive would be to redeem himself in our eyes and his own and it is just possible that he might turn up something worthwhile.

He is, of course, a very shrewd man but as for plain intelligence I don't believe he has as much of it as others seem to think. I think most of the inconsistencies in his report may be accounted for by bad memory, and his failure to operate the J&E set seems to me to be his own vanity in refusing to be properly briefed on the plan.

His morale is very poor inasmuch as he considers himself to have been held more or less prisoner in the little red house. Due to the fact that your return has been delayed, we are taking him to Strassburg this afternoon to see his family.

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